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1. ON HIS RETURN TO ZAMBIA, MARK CHONA, ZAMBIAN REPRESENTATIVE AT THE GENEVA TALS, TOLD REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT THAT ZAMBIA HAD SUSPENDED ITS RELATIONS WITH THE MUZOREWA FACTION OF THE ANC. RELATIONS WILL REMAIN SUSPENDED UNTIL MUZOREWA APOLOGIZED, PRODUCED CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF THE ALLEGATIONS, AND OFFERED AN EXPLANATION. CHONA'S REMARKS ARE FURTHER ZAMBIAN REACTION TO MUZOREW'S ALLEGATION MADE ON NOVEMBER 29 THAT ZAMBIA HAD PLOTTED WITH THE UK AND LONRHO TO INSTALL JOSHUA NKOMO AS HEAD OF THE INTERIM RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT (REFTELS).
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2. ASKED IF THE MUZOREWA ANC WOULD BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE IN ZAMBIA IF IT FAILED TO FULFILL ZAMBIA'S THREE CONDITIONS, CHONA DEFERRED TO MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AARON MILNER, AS BEING THE OFFICIAL WHO WOULD DECIDE SUCH A QUESTION.

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3. THE ANC/MUZOREWA CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE, GEORGE NYANDORO, WHO ARRIVED ON THE SAME PLANE WITH CHONA, SAID THAT SINCE THE ALLEGATIONS ORIGINATED IN SALISBURY, NOT GENEVA, AN APOLOGY WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM SALSIBURY.
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